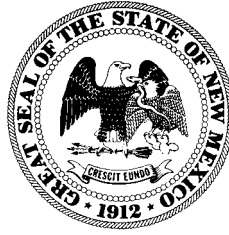


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Attorney General Patricia Madrid's Statement On Outcome of Voter ID Case

(Santa Fe)—"I am pleased that the New Mexico Supreme Court has definitively ruled that the Secretary of State was correct in her interpretation of the law. This should put an end to the Republican Party's efforts to put obstacles in the way of first time registrants' right to vote. As we learned from 2000, every vote counts and no voters should be turned away at the polls who have a legitimate right to vote."